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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

JUNICHI MINATO : EXAMINER: CAMPOS, YAIMA

SERIAL NO: 10/658,273

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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, SHARED DATA MANAGEMENT METHOD AND SHARED DATA

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 22, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-21, 25-27, 29, and 32. This election is made <u>without traverse</u>.

Prompt and favorable examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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